

ran it a little loose. We did try and be comfortable within the interim study, but there were many letters back and forth between all the members, do you agree with this. There were meetings, held a couple of days of meetings. We also met separately. We had a one-day meeting with Social Service and Foster Care Review Board, and it was not a pretty sight. There was a lot of blood letting, a lot of name calling, a lot of finger pointing, but we thought we got that all on the table, and then we were able to move ahead. The sad part about all this is we did have them working together. We were making some headway. We were talking about pilot projects. We were talking about ideas. We were too concerned to change the policy this drastically. We wanted to try some different things, and those things were starting to happen until this legislation was introduced and then all conversation between the two groups seemed to stop. We were again working at getting them back together the day before this moved out of the committee, and again all communications between them seems to have stopped and we lost some of the footing that we had, and some of the direction that we were going. There are a lot of questions with this. This is a major, major policy change. There are a lot of areas within it that raise a lot of concern. There...again, I echo what Senator Schimek said that we thought we would hold these and we would work these things out and see if there was some way that we could come to an agreement and take care of some of the duplication that was happening, make sure all children got reviewed because what we found was that some were being reviewed three times and others were never getting a review. We wanted to go into some of the areas where they were not getting reviewed, some of them in some of the correctional centers and other areas of the state where this review was not happening. There was a lot of work put into this, and you can look through your...the book that we handed out, you all probably have gotten one at your office earlier too, and see what came in out of this interim study. There's nothing in this bill that reflects what came out of the interim study, and it was kind of a waste of the senators time and there was a lot of time put into it if this is the way we are going to react to interim studies. Again, I would urge you to look at this closely. There is lots of other questions that we have on this bill that we will bring up as we go along. Not supporting this bill does not mean in any way, shape, or form that I don't support the Foster Care Review Board, and I think that is shared by most of the people that may be in opposition. What they do they do very well, and we need to keep them doing that. I would